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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, EIC
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Chairman, COMOR
Chairman, IPC
Chairman, SIGINT Committee
Chairman, CCPC

SUBJECT : Priority National Intelligence Objectives

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-25.1/8, 9 August 1963
b. Item 4, USIB-M-283, 14 August 1963
c. USIB-D-25.1/9, 28 August 1963
d. USIB-AM-63/37, 29 August 1963
e. DCID No. 1/3, Revised 14 August 1963,
and Quarterly Supplement thereto

1. The United States Intelligence Board (USIB), as indicated in reference b. and transmitted to you by reference d. requested the Committees of which you are Chairmen to report major modifications in procedures adopted and significant changes in actions taken or planned by your respective Committees to discharge their responsibilities with respect to the implementation of DCID No. 1/3, following its approval on 14 August 1963.

2. The following instructions are provided herewith for the guidance of the Committees in preparing the requested reports to the USIB. These instructions have been developed by the USIB

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Secretariat at the request and with the concurrence of Mr. John Bross, Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence Programs Evaluation. Mr. Bross is responsible for reviewing and evaluating for the DCI the actions reported upon by the USIB Committees. These reviews will also be submitted to the USIB for consideration in connection with the USIB Committee reports.

3. In order to make your separate Committee reports generally comparable and compatible, it is requested that each Committee answer the questions set forth below regarding procedures adopted and actions taken or planned under its auspices with respect to each PNIO or Quarterly Supplement listing germane to the mission of the Committee concerned:

a. Have the priority requirements received the further analysis by research personnel to determine, as described in the third paragraph of DCID 1/3:

(1) The elements of information essential to the solution of the problem indicated,

(2) The elements already available or readily obtainable through research,

(3) The additional information obtainable through routine collection, and finally

(4) the residual information of such critical importance as to warrant a priority collection effort.

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b. Have any priority collection requirements resulted from such analysis and have any such requirements been identified as appropriate for a particular collection system and levied upon it with due regard to that system's operational capabilities and suitabilities?

c. Has the priority requirement caused any shift, augmentation or reduction in the allocation of existing collection or research resources, or the development of new collection or processing resources?

d. Have the problems listed in the Quarterly Supplement been utilized to bring about any shift in emphasis in the employment of research and collection resources?

e. In general:


(1) What extra and unusual efforts, beyond normal coverage, are being made or planned with respect to the PNIO and Quarterly Supplement?

(2) What problems or impediments are being encountered in the process of implementing the PNIO and Quarterly Supplement?

4. To assure clear and adequate responses, it is essential that each Committee provide an answer (whether of a positive or negative character) to each of the above questions.

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5. The Committee reports should be submitted to the USIB Secretariat not later than 29 November 1963, for subsequent reporting to the USIB and for review and analysis by Mr. Bross and his Staff.


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